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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2532

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Kimio MISEKI )  
Application No.: 09/803,998 ✓ ) Group Art Unit: 2655  
Filed: March 13, 2001 ) Examiner: MCFADDEN, Susan Iris  
For: SPEECH ENCODING AND )  
DECODING METHOD AND )  
ELECTRONIC APPARATUS FOR )  
SYNTHESIZING SPEECH )  
SIGNALS USING EXCITATION )  
SIGNALS (as amended) )  
Mail Stop Issue Fee

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and subject to the recommendation of the Examiner and the approval of the Commissioner, and without withdrawing the case from issue, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper that begins on page 2.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.